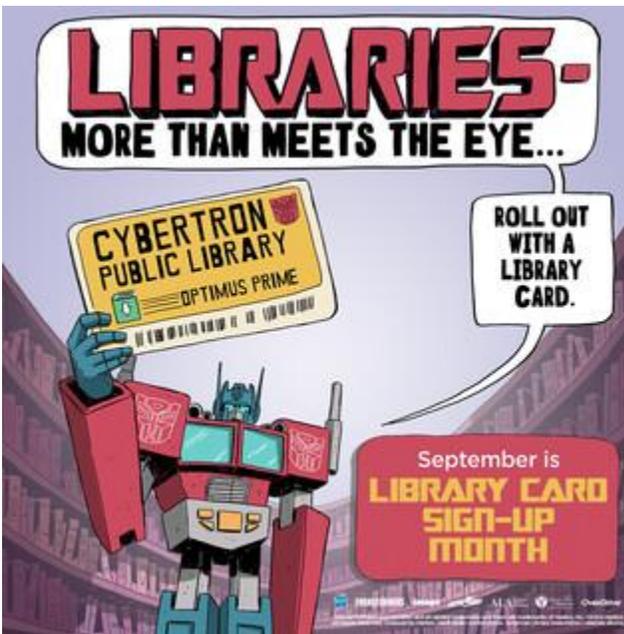




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Diplomas Can Be Earned through Library’s “Career Online High School” Program

by Luren Dickinson, Director

For a number of years, Beaumont Library has been providing those without a high school degree the chance to earn a diploma through our Career Online High School (COHS) program.

COHS is a free way for adults to finish high school at their own pace without having to worry about transportation limitations, family responsibilities, restrictive schedules, and educational fears.

In addition to receiving a high school diploma, upon completing the course work, students can also gain certification in a number of career paths, including office management, security work, retail customer

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service, hospitality and leisure, commercial driving, child care and education, home care, food and hospitality, and preparation for a general career.

Those who enroll in the COHS have 18 months to complete the program and most finish in a year or less.

One of our COHS graduates, Alexander Castaneda (pictured below with Beaumont Library Assistant Director Kelly Van Valkenburg), said that his motivation for participating in the program was:



“I wanted to complete my high school education so that I can build a better future for my family and me. I have gained more knowledge of the courses assigned to me. I am currently working at a company that takes care of the elderly. Eventually I would like to go to college once I determine a good career path for me.”

Our second graduate, Juthsby Alfaro (below with Julia Schumacher, Supervising Librarian for Outreach and Youth Services), had this to say about her Career Online High School experience:

“I wanted to finish and get my diploma because I want to go to cosmetology school to become a nail tech and to be able to tell my kids I did it. What I gained from this program is to never give up and to keep pushing. It’s never too late. As for the future, only God can tell!

“The next step is to look for a job. My husband and I just bought our first home, and the bills are crazy! I would recommend this program mostly definitely.”



New “In-Library” Database Gives Access To Newspapers From Around the World

Stop by Beaumont Library and check out the brand new “in-library” database we are offering called Newspapers.com. It is the largest online newspaper archive in the world.

This growing resource contains nearly one billion pages of information from both national and international newspapers, both old and new, from a total of more than 26,000 different publications.

Included in the database are back issues of papers printed in Banning and Beaumont from as early as the 1950s to as recent as 2014. The *Riverside Daily Press* is also covered from 1918 through 1953.

A few of the regional and national newspapers accessible through the database are the *Los Angeles Times* (1881-2024), *The New York Times* (1851-1922), the *Chicago Tribune* (1849-2024), *The Wall Street Journal* (1889-1923), and *The Washington Post* (1877-1928).

There are also international newspapers, such as *The Toronto Star* (1900-2024) from Canada; *The Guardian* (1821-2024) from England; and other papers, both old and new, from Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, and Panama.

To use Newspapers.com, you must come into the library and go to the Beaumont Library website at bld.lib.ca.us and choose the “eLibrary” tab at the top of the page.

From the drop-down menu, select “eResources” that takes you to our curated list of free and licensed online databases in alphabetical order.

Then scroll down to “Newspapers.com” where you will see a brief description and a link to the database. Happy searching!

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Wednesday—1 to 6 p.m.

Thursday—10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bookmobile Stops

Last Mondays—4 p.m., Sundance Elementary Family Walk

Tuesday—11 a.m., Noble Creek; 3 p.m., Liberty Village

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